

Amendment to the Abstract of the Disclosure

Replace the Abstract of the Disclosure, as follows.

Sialon fluorescent materials with activated Eu or other rare earth ions have been known as fluorescent materials capable of being excited by blue light to emit yellow light. An oxynitride fluorescent material can emit light having a far wider range of wavelengths than ever before, and can be included in a light-emitting device. A fluorescent material contains as a main component a crystal phase having a general formula $\text{La}_3\text{Si}_8\text{N}_{11}\text{O}_4$ or $\text{La}_3\text{Si}_{8-x}\text{Al}_x\text{N}_{11-x}\text{O}_{4+x}$ where $0 < x \leq 4$, to which an optically active element (M) including one or more elements selected from Mn, Ce, Pr, Nd, Sm, Eu, Gd, Tb, Dy, Ho, Er, Tm, Yb and Lu is added and contained as a luminescence center component.